

Call for applications for Luiss Foundation Programme on Social Sciences (60 FC)

1. General rules

This Call for Application includes provisions managing the organization of the Luiss Foundation Programme on Social Sciences academic activities, the admission to the Programme and the enrollment procedures.

The Programme, totally held in English, is open to international students who have obtained a valid diploma after at least 11 years of secondary school studies and who need to acquire an additional year of schooling or to fulfill other prerequisites for enrolling in a Bachelor or a Single-Cycle Degree Program in Italy.

Students enrolled in the Foundation Programme will have the opportunity to attend introductory courses in Economics, Law, and Socio-Political studies, aiming to complete their education in order to be eligible for admission to Italian universities. Through the proposed classes, students will also have the opportunity to complete their linguistic and subject preparation and become familiar with each subject's technical language.

The duration of the Programme is one academic year, from October 2026 to April 2027. Students who successfully complete Luiss Foundation Programme whose administrative position is in order will be awarded a certificate that can be considered to enroll to the first cycle of Luiss Undergraduate Programs and Single-Cycle Degree Programs, upon successfully passing one of Luiss admission selection's procedures for the academic year 2027/2028. The minimum number of students admitted to the Foundation Programme is 30: the course will start only if the minimum number is reached.

2. Organization of academic activities

For the academic year 2026/2027, the Foundation Programme will be a blended course: the first semester will be delivered via online synchronous classes, while the second semester will be delivered mainly online and students will be invited on campus for a period to live a student life experience. Continuous assessment by Professors and a final test characterize the course. In March/April 2027, students will come to Luiss campus in Rome to attend some classes and the soft skills training. At the end of the programme, upon successful registration of exams in the student career, students will be awarded the final qualification of successful completion of Luiss Foundation Programme on Social Sciences. The non-attendance to the on-campus courses must be justified beforehand and accepted by the Foundation team, only if the students reach 80% of attendance to classes.

The study plan allows students to earn 60 Foundation Credits (FC) divided as follows:

- Introduction to Critical Thinking and Methodologies (3 FC)
- Introduction to Macro and Microeconomics (6 FC)
- Introduction to Computational Thinking (6FC)

- Introduction to Public law (6 FC)
- Introduction to Social and Political Analysis (6 FC)
- Introduction to Private Law (6 FC)
- Fundamentals of Management (6 FC)
- Fundamentals of Investing (6 FC)
- Italian Language (9 FC)
- Language Empowerment and Academic Preparation (6 FC)

In case of subsequent enrolment in the first cycle of Luiss Undergraduate and Single-Cycle Degree Programs, the Foundation Credits cannot be recognized as CFUs (Italian Crediti Formativi Universitari).

Attendance is compulsory for at least 80% of Classroom activities' for each course. For exams registration, students are allowed to have only 20% of absence for each course.

The first semester will start on October 5th, 2026, while the second semester will start on January 18th, 2027 (exact dates to be confirmed).

For all details regarding the academic calendar, please refer to the Syllabus for the relevant academic year, available at the following [link](#).

The learning process of each student will be regularly monitored through a continuous assessment based on closed-ended quizzes, open questions, interviews, or short essays concerning the main topics of the course, according to each teacher's assessment criteria, and a final test at the end of each course aimed at assessing the student's acquired knowledge.

3. Admission requirements

The admission procedure is open to students holding either EU or non-EU citizenship who by July 2026 will be awarded with a high school diploma deemed eligible for enrolling to the Foundation Programme.

Documents required for the admission request are the following:

- Copy of High School Diploma or equivalent, not older than three years max;
 - In case of students still enrolled in their last year of high school, a copy of the most recent transcript of records;
- Copy of passport front page or ID document, indicating the citizenship;
- English language proficiency certificate equivalent at least to CEFR level B2, confirmed by an English language certificate not older than three years max. We accept one of the following certificates:
 - TOEFL, with a minimum score of 72,
 - IELTS, with a minimum score of 5.5,
 - Cambridge, with a minimum score of B2,



- Duolingo, with a minimum score of 100

All documents must be transmitted in either Italian or English.

Each application will be evaluated by the Admission board which – as its absolute discretion – will decide whether or not to admit each candidate taking into account the number of applications received and the quality of the application.

4. Application procedures and deadline

Students shall submit their application online via the [website](#) **from March to September 11th, 2026.**

5. Enrollment

Admitted students will have to pre-enroll after the reception of the email with the relevant instructions. The admission must be accepted within 2 days of the outcome notification, and the first installment must be paid within 7 days of the admission acceptance.

The pre-enrollment will remain on hold until the reception of original documentation regarding the validity and the eligibility of the study qualification possessed. The deadline to submit the documents specified below is **27th November 2026.**

Should the student fail to respect the pre-enrollment or the completion of enrollment deadlines, this will result in the position being discarded.

Any request to proceed after the deadline specified in this call for applications will not be considered. Indeed, under no circumstances will it be possible to remedy the situation after the expiry of the deadline, not even by paying a penalty.

6. Documents regarding the validity of the diploma

During the phase of the finalization of enrollment, students will have to deliver the necessary documents related to their study title. Depending on the qualification, students can submit the CIMEA Verification Statement or the CIMEA Comparability Statement no later than **27th November 2026.**

In case of impossibility to obtain the above-mentioned documents, students may alternatively submit the Declaration of Value or the Apostille, which must be issued by the Competent Authority of the country to which the School system belongs. For more information on the applicable documents please visit this [link](#).

Furthermore, translations must be performed by an official translator recognized by the Italian Embassy or Consulate in the country where the qualification was obtained.



If the required documents are not yet available, temporary proof of having submitted the request must be provided.

Enrollment will be conditional upon the submission of the documentation for the purpose of verifying the eligibility of the diploma for access to the Luiss Foundation Programme.

The deadline for submission of the documents related to the study title is **27th November 2026**. After this date, all pending positions will be automatically closed.

7. Tuition fees

The admission must be accepted within 2 days of the outcome notification, and the first installment must be paid within 7 days of the admission acceptance.

The tuition fee for the Luiss Foundation Programme amounts to 7500 EUR, to be paid in two installments.

The two installments are divided accordingly:

- 4500 EUR to pay to enroll within seven days from the admission acceptance;
- 3000 EUR to pay during the first semester of the Programme and no later than 15th January 2027.

Failure to pay the first installment within the specified deadline will result in the automatic closure of the student's academic career.

With regards to the second installment please note that any failure to comply with the deadline for the payment will result in the exams not being registered.

8. Early bird discount

Students submitting their application within 60 days from the publication of the call for applications will be granted a €1,000 reduction on the first installment.

9. Refund conditions

Students who leave Luiss Foundation Programme before the end of the course must fill out an Official Withdrawal Request form and return it to Luiss Foundation Team.

50% of the registration fee will be refunded in case of cancellation received by Luiss at foundation@luiss.it at least 15 days before the start of classes.



After the above-specified deadline students requesting a withdrawal will not receive a refund of the first instalment of the tuition fee.

10. Award of qualification

Students will be awarded the final qualification of successful completion of Luiss Foundation Programme at the end of the programme once all criteria for successful passing of all exams are met.

In the event of failing one or more exams from the first semester, the completion of the entire course will remain pending until the recovery session available at the end of the academic year.

Exams passed will be registered and certified only if the enrollment and documentation are in order and provided that the student has paid all the due installments.

In the event that Luiss Call for Applications for Undergraduate Degree Programs for the 2027/2028 a.y. foresees any bonus point related to the Luiss Foundation program participation, they will not be awarded in case of failure of one or more of the prescribed exams.

The certificate of completion of the Luiss Foundation Programme will be awarded to students who successfully complete the course and comply with all administrative regulations.

11. Information and clarification

Any requests for further information or clarification on the application can be addressed to the Luiss Foundation Programme team by emailing foundation@luiss.it.

For further details, please refer to Luiss Foundation Programme Regulations – 4th Edition – Academic Year 2026/27 at the following [link](#).

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